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SUBJECT: UNCTAD REQUEST FOR US FINANCING GSP SEMINAR

REF: AHMAD-BLACK TELCON JAN 14

1. SUBJECT REF TELCON COMMUNICATED UNCTAD UNDP GSP PROJECT MANAGER PRADHAN; I.E., THAT APART FROM AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING, PROPOSED INVITATION OF CUBA, VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR TO PARTICIPATE MAKES US FINANCING NOT POSSIBLE.

2. PRADHAN UNDERSTOOD POSITION VIS A VIS CUBA AND SAID HE WOULD ASK FRG IF CUBA COULD BE INVITED TO SEMINAR WHICH FRG HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR IN BONN.

3. WITH RESPECT VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR, THEIR PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL BECAUSE SEMINAR WOULD DEAL WITH ALL
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DONOR SCHEMES AND BECAUSE ALL ANDEAN AND SIECA COUNTRIES

HAD TO BE INVITED. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT AS US REP (GOLDMAN) WITNESSED AT RECENT EEC SPONSORED BRUSSELS SEMINAR, THESE SESSIONS ARE CONFINED TO TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL MATTERS. PROJECT PERSONNEL WOULD NOT RPT NOT ALLOW ANY POLITICAL CRITICISM OF SCHEMES DURING COURSE OF SEMINAR AND THEREFORE PRADHAN WONDERED IF USG COULD RECONSIDER.

4. SECOND ALTERNATIVE HE WOULD TRY TO EXPLORE WOULD BE UNDP FINANCING OF THE FOUR PARTICIPANTS FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES IF USG WOULD FINANCE REST OF SEMINAR.

5. US DEL (AHMAD) AGREED TO FORWARD THESE QUESTIONS BUT GAVE NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON ACCEPTABILITY THESE ALTERNATIVES TO THE POLITICAL QUESTION OR THE SUBSEQUENT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IF POLITICAL PROBLEMS OVERCOME.

6. PRADHAN STRESSED NEED FOR EARLY ANSWER. IF UNDP TO BE APPROACHED FOR FINANCING AS ALTERNATIVE TO USG, IT SHOULD BE DONE DURING CURRENT MEETING IN NEW YORK. PRADHAN CONCERNED THAT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS UNDP RENDER THIS SOURCE OF FINANCING QUITE UNCERTAIN. IF ANOTHER COUNTRY TO BE APPROACHED SEVERAL MONTHS FURTHER DELAY ENVISAGED.

7. IF USG WERE TO AGREE TO FINANCE, PRADHAN WOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING SEMINAR LAST HALF OF JULY IN GUATEMALA. ABRAMS

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